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CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING PAD

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, Applicants request the aboveidentified application be amended as indicated below.

Amendments to the Claims are found in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this communication.